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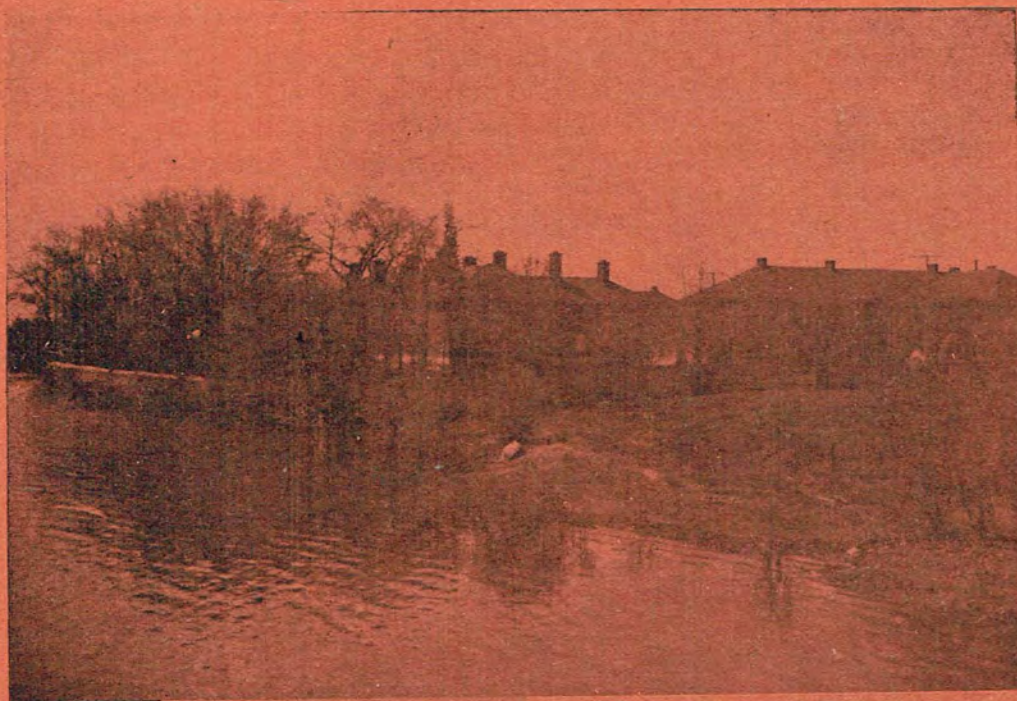
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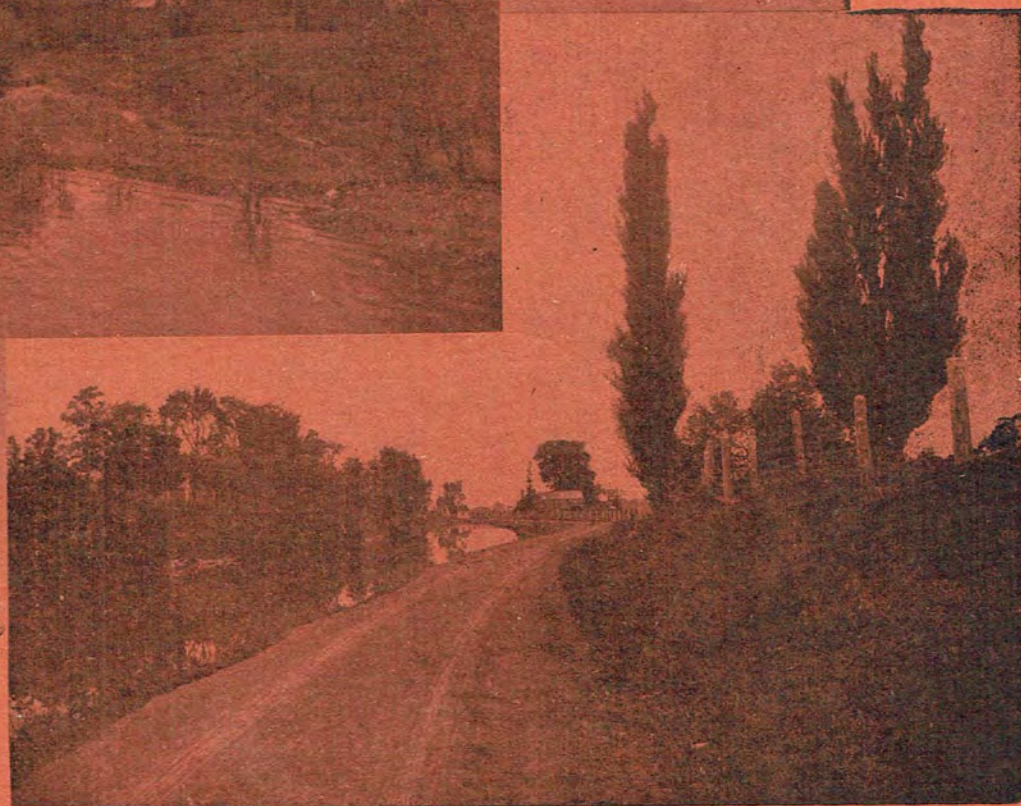
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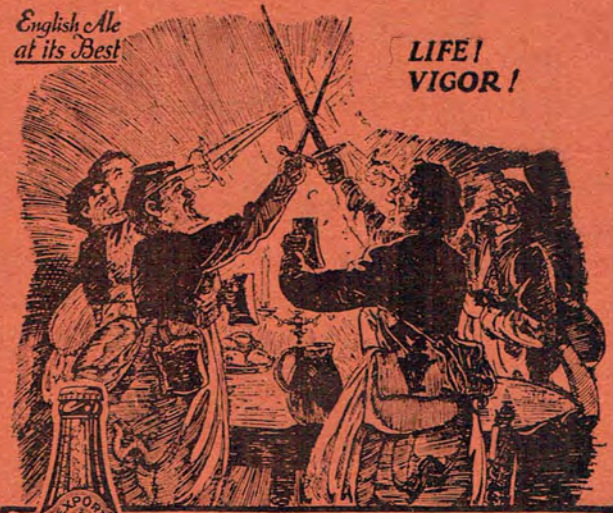
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The Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, Que., March 17th, 1924.
With the Permission of Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O.

BIRTHDAYS, on the whole, are productive of rather mixed sentiments. In our younger days they were looked forward to eagerly and celebrated royally, but as we grow older we endeavour to forget all about them, and would probably succeed in doing so, were it not for the retentive memory of our dearest friends.

It is generally admitted that the first year calls for the greatest effort and courage from those responsible for the launching of an enterprise of any description. Having successfully negotiated what we may call "the dangerous age" we rejoice exceedingly, and in considering our future prospects, have all the more reason to do so.

On auditing our accounts for the past year we find a debit balance of \$300.00. A loss of \$25.00 per month. We would point out that this loss was incurred during the first four months of our existence; and that for the past eight months we have been self supporting. However, we can wipe out this monetary reverse by increasing our circulation. We are sending or have sent complimentary copies to all past members of the Regiment who have not already subscribed to the magazine. The price of our paper being so trivial and our chief aim being the establishing and maintaining contact between all past and present members of the Regiment, we would ask them to favour us with their loyal support in this matter.

During the past month the advertising end of the game was taken over by Major H. Stethem, R.C.D., and a new system of contracts and prices brought into force.

All contracts are for twelve months, covering the entire volume. Major Stethem interviewed practically all the advertisers and they have been most courteous with their support.

It is hoped that readers who enjoy this publication will show their

appreciation by patronizing those that advertise in its columns. Just drop the odd remark about The Goat so they will realize that their ads. are paying.

By the courtesy of the St. Johns News we have secured some excellent views of St. Johns. These will appear as cover illustrations during the next few months.

Farewell to Major and Mrs. E. L. Caldwell.

A farewell dinner was held in the Officers' Mess, The Cavalry Barracks, on February 18th for Major and Mrs. E. L. Caldwell, who are leaving this station for Winnipeg, Major Caldwell having been appointed D.A.A. & Q.M.G. of that District.

The following officers and "Other Ranks" were present:—Major and Mrs. E. L. Caldwell, Major and Mrs. D. B. Bowie, Major and Mrs. H. Stethem, Lieutenant and Mrs. L. D. Hammond, Mrs. E. H. Drury, Nursing Sister Squire, Major R. B. Nordheimer, Captain D. A. Grant, Captain N. M. Halkett, and Captain M. Drury.

After the King's health had been drunk, Major Bowie in a few well chosen words, stated: Although it was not customary to have speeches at a Mess Dinner, he considered this a special occasion. Major and Mrs. Caldwell were leaving this station, and on behalf of the members of the Mess he wished them Godspeed. On an occasion of this kind, one's feelings were mingled with both gladness and regret. Gladness because Major Caldwell was receiving well earned promotion, and regret because it meant his removal from St. Johns. He referred to the unfailing loyalty and support he had received from Major Caldwell, and to the great interest he had shown

in all things pertaining to the welfare of the Mess.

A suitably engraved cigar case was presented to Major Caldwell, as a token of remembrance from his brother officers, and a toast to "The future health and happiness of Major and Mrs. Caldwell and family" was accompanied by the usual three cheers and a tiger, and the singing of "For they are Jolly Good Fellows."

Major Caldwell in his reply stated:—That few men had the privilege of listening to such complimentary remarks about themselves, as most things of that nature were usually reserved for one's epitaph. He expressed his regrets at leaving St. Johns, and on behalf of Mrs. Caldwell and himself thanked his brother officers for their good wishes.

Major Stethem referred to the fact that it was 17 years ago since he and Major Caldwell first reported to the Cavalry Barracks to attend a course, and that since that time, with the exception of about a year and a half spent at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, and the period during the late war, Major Caldwell had been constantly connected with this Station.

Major Bowie then said, that he could not let the occasion pass without expressing his pleasure at having Major Nordheimer with us. Major Nordheimer had been transferred from Toronto to St. Johns to take over the duties of 2nd in command of "A" Squadron.

Major Nordheimer expressed his pleasure at being once more connected with "A" Squadron. He said, that although he was a stranger to St. Johns, he was not a stranger to "A" Squadron having had the honor to serve with, and latterly to command it, during the war.

The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Should Old Acquaintance be Forgotten."

A number of the officers and citizens of St. Johns assembled at the C.N.R. station Sunday evening March 2nd, to give Major Caldwell a rousing send off.

Not only will the Caldwells be greatly missed in Barracks, but

many of the citizens of St. Johns have expressed genuine regret at their departure. Major Caldwell has always taken a keen interest in the welfare of the community, and is a director of the St. Johns Golf Club.

Militia Notes.

The Field Officers' Course which has just been completed at the Royal School of Cavalry, St. Johns, proved to be a most enjoyable one, due to the fact that a number of senior officers attended for a "brush up". On the "brush up" course we were pleased to welcome Lt.-Col. G. S. Kinnear, Officer Commanding the 8th (N. B.) Hussars, and his second in command Lt.-Col. R. H. Arnold; Lt.-Col. C. M. P. Fisher, Officer Commanding the New Brunswick Dragoons, and Major G. E. Full, second in command of the Prince Edward Island Light Horse.

The following officers who attended the field officers' course, have all previously taken their Captains qualifications at this school:—

Major P. H. Wade, 17th Duke of Yorks Royal Canadian Hussars.

Capt. C. Graham, Prince Edward Island Light Horse.

Capt. D. A. MacDonald, Prince Edward Island Light Horse.

Capt. D. D. McGoun, McGill C.O.T.C.

Lieut. E. G. B. Brockwell, McGill C.O.T.C.

We wish to draw special attention to the new column we are starting, "Questions and Answers of Military Interest." Such points as military etiquette, customs, and traditions, drill, minor tactics, interior economy, in fact any subjects of military interest will be dealt with, and answers to queries will be given by the Instructors of The Royal School of Cavalry, St. Johns. Any little points which come up for discussion, at mess or during training, send them along to "The Goat" for our remarks. Not only may

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Here and There.

Paardeburg Day.—A smoker was given by the Sergeants and Corporals' Messes of "D" Co'y the Royal Canadian Regiment at the Prince of Wales Barracks, Montreal, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 27th, in commemoration of the 24th anniversary of the Battle of Paardeburg. An excellent programme was given, many well known artists taking part. Pte. Chesley, the oldest serving member of the regiment who served in South Africa, gave a clever Buck and Wing dance.

A number of former members of the Regiment who actually participated in the battle of Paardeburg were present.

Toasts to the King, the Regiment, visitors, and to absent comrades were drunk.

C.S.M. H. F. Ellins, the R.C.R., presided.

"Tipperary."

Every task, even the most trivial, is worthy of our best efforts. Though it offer no immediate promise of fame or material advantage, it may well be the very chance which Providence secretly gives us of joining the ranks of the Immortals. By grasping opportunity, man becomes great; but how seldom do we recognize opportunity when she appears? How often glory comes to us in humble guise and is contemptuously turned away? It is the little acts which tell in the end. The only makers of fairy tales were right when they made simplicity the passport to greatness. Every day Opportunity is at our elbow, shy and unnoticed, passed over by us for the bedizened houri, Worldly Ambition.

The author of "Tipperary" has died in England. A cripple from birth, he wrote the song years ago for a vaudeville skit, and had long since realized his paltry pecuniary profits. It was not a good song. It was not even a good marching song. But it will never be forgotten as long as English is spoken. A generation hence, college students who have never heard of Raw-

linson or Horne or Plumer, will be able to bellow the refrain of "Tipperary."

For Fame stood unseen at the author's elbow as he wrote it. Addressing the boxes and balcony, in the end he won the big battalions. He sent millions marching to victory.

So, too, with all of us—the dreariest, most unprofitable task may be the very task set us by Opportunity. It would be madness to neglect it, for we never know when Glory is close at hand. —(The Montreal Daily Star.)

Major General, the Rt. Hon. J. E. B. Seeley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (late Commander of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade) during a hot debate in the British House of Commons on the air policy, said: "If the Empire is to be defended by sermons on the mount, God help us."

RED ENSIGN OVER

CANADIAN OFFICE

Naval Flag in London Obviously Wrong—No Change Here.

Ottawa, March 1.—(Canadian Press).—The practice of flying the blue ensign over the offices of the Canadian High Commissioner in London has been stopped, and in future the red ensign will be flown. On the recommendation of Premier King an order-in-council has been passed which sets forth that the flying of the blue ensign on land in the heart of London is manifestly irregular, this flag having been authorized in 1870 for use on Canadian Government vessels.

The reason offered for flying the blue ensign in London, instead of the Union Jack which is flown over all Canadian Government buildings in Canada, is the need "very generally felt by Canadians in London for a distinctive emblem which will afford a ready means of distinguishing the character of the buildings over which it floats, and the portion of the Empire to which they belong."

The Prime Minister considers that this purpose would be served by the use of the red ensign with the Canadian arms in the fly, this flag having been displayed from



Short sighted M.O.
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Government buildings in Canada in the past, and being often spoken of as the "Canadian Flag."

There will be no variation from the present practice in regard to the flying of flags from Government buildings in Canada. —(Montreal Daily Star.)

In connection with the above, the term "Flying the blue ensign" is not usually used. The warrants issued by the Admiralty authorizing the use of the Blue Ensign—distinctly refer to it as "wearing" the blue ensign.

Man's home companion is his pipe or cigar, and the wise wife encourages him to smoke.

Rastus (entering drug store)—"Ah want's one cents worth of insecticide."

Clerk—"What?"

Rastus—"I wants one cents worth of insect powder."

Clerk—"Why that's not worth the paper required to wrap it up."

Rastus—"I don't want you to wrap it up, ah wants you to blow it down ma back."

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Personal & Regimental

Mrs. E. H. Drury, of Sherbrooke, visited St. Johns on Feb. 18th and attended the dinner given in the Officers' Mess for Major and Mrs. E. L. Caldwell.

Capt. R. B. LeBlanc, R.C.D., has returned from Montreal, where he has been attached to Headquarters Military District No. 4, for the past three months.

"Tim" Sullivan visited his Old Comrades in St. Johns on Saturday, March 1st. "Tim" is now employed at the D.S.C.R. hospital, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

Ex-Trooper Benton came down from Montreal to spend the day with us on Saturday, March 1st.

Captain H. A. Bray is now with the firm of Peabody, Houghteling & Co. (Investments) Chicago, Ill. His residential address is 841 East 53rd St., Chicago. We refer you to the "Letter Box" column for a most interesting news item. Congratulations "Burglar."

Captain J. E. H. Tidswell, R.C.A.S.C., who was for some time

Supply Officer at St. Johns, Que., is now stationed in Winnipeg, Man.

Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., R.C.D., visited Sherbrooke on March 5th to meet the Directors of The Eastern Townships Agricultural Association, in connection with the proposed visit of the Musical Ride from "A" Sqn. R.C.D. to Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition next fall.

The King has approved of the appointment of Colonel (temporary Colonel-Commandant) A. E. W. Harman, C.B., D.S.O., as Aide-de-Camp to the King, with effect from December 19th, 1923, in succession to Colonel A. Carton de Wirt, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who has retired. During the latter part of the war Major General A. E. W. Harman, commanded the 3rd Cavalry Division.

S.S.M. T. A. Aisthorpe, D.C.M., M.M., of the Instructional Cadre, R.C.D., has been promoted Q.M. S.I. from the 11th Sept. 1923. Q.M.S.I. Aisthorpe is now attached to Military District No. 3, and is at present employed in Ottawa,



Capt. R. B. LeBlanc has returned from H.Q. M.D. 4, where he has been "employed" (?) for the past three months.

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Staff Sgt. P. Boudreau, R.C.D.,
has been promoted to the rank of
S.S.M.(I.).

Major and Mrs. D. B. Bowie
have left for New York, thence to
Florida; they expect to be away
about a month, and during their
trip will visit friends at "Miridian
Plantation," Tallahassee, Fla.

NOTICE.

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plorations Francisco Fernandes
took the tobacco plant to Europe
in 1558, for the first time on re-
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name of Sir Walter Raleigh is as-
sociated with its introduction
there.

At first the plant was supposed
to possess almost miraculous heal-
ing powers, and the poet Spencer
called it "divine tobacco." Mil-
lions of people since those days
have realized that tobacco is "a
sweetener" of their lot in life and
a great equalizer of the temper.

Apropos, annual estimates—A
certain Sergeant opined things
would alter at the end of the
"physical" year.

A music lover, extolling the
Masonic Band which visited St.
Johns recently, said their elocution
was wonderful.



Major Bowie Reaches Florida.

Letter Box.

The following letters received
from old comrades, will give some
idea of the support we are receiv-
ing from them, and their expres-
sions of appreciation are most
gratifying to us.

Chicago, Ill., March 1st, 1924.

The Editor "The Goat."

My dear Sir,—I always open up
The Goat with delight. It is a
good paper—worthy of the Regi-
ment.

If you want a news item you can
tell the world, (and any Old Com-
rades) that a young son has joined
up in our house. He has the lungs
of a trumpeter, and old Billy
Boles never got me out any quicker
than young Bray does now.

May I add a word of apprecia-
tion of Bill Blue's column—Bill
shows the right spirit in taking the
time to write it, but I wonder if
Bill would show the same sparkle
and fire if he lived in this dry and
arid waste south of the Great
Lakes.

With best wishes to all.

Yours very sincerely,
H. A. Bray.

26 Chestnut Park Road,
Toronto, Ont.,
February 26, 1924.

The Editor of "The Goat"

Enclosed herewith please find
my cheque in payment of my sub-
scription to "The Goat" for the
current year.

I always find many items of in-

terest in each number, and I am
glad to note that the paper has
lived up to the promise of the first
issues.

Please give my kindest regards
to all my old comrades.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
E. A. Hethrington.

93 Flora Street,
Ottawa, 27th Feb., 1924

The Editor of "The Goat"
Cavalry Barracks,
St. Johns, P.Q.

Dear Sir,—

I am enclosing \$1.50 in renewal
of my subscription to "The Goat"
for another year.

May I in this connection take
the opportunity of expressing my
appreciation of your excellent
journal and say that I look for-
ward with pleasure to the perusal
of each issue. More especially
have I enjoyed and appreciated
the numbers containing news items
from both "A" and "B" Squad-
rons, the regimental flavour thus
obtained being in my opinion a
distinct improvement.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Olmsted.

7 Avondale Road,
Sparkhill,
Birmingham,
England.

To the Editor of "The Goat":

I was very interested in the
January edition of your Regi-
mental paper "The Goat," which
had been sent on to me; enclosed

please find my contribution for the next twelve months.

I was interested in your sports page and my mind went back to the match played in France between the Officers and Sgts. of the Regiment, in which I was goalkeeper for the Sgts.

We were defeated 1 to 0, but I still strongly refute the old accusation that at the critical moment when Capt. Moss shot for goal I stood and saluted while the ball passed unheeded into the goal.

Give my kind regards to all the old boys.

Yours faithfully, and good luck.

C. E. Elliott,

(Late S/Sgt. Arm., R.C.D.)

P.S.—Sorry the Regiment has sustained the loss of Goodall's moustache.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor of The Gote:

Dere Sir,—I want's to arsk yer opinion. Me and me old man 'ad a argyment. I says there is such a thing as a 'Orse Marine and he says they aint. I says didn't Capt. LeBlank give Mr. Penny 'is motor boat, and aint that a marine? and aint Mr. Penny got a 'orse, and dont two and two make four, so dont a 'orse and a marine make a 'orsemarine? The old man says the he 'as 'eard of a sea'orse and a 'orse seaman but he aint never 'ard of a 'orsemarine and besides he says "Sailor" Lawrence says that the boat aint a marine, its a submarine because its more under the water than above it, and the old man says he believes "Sailor" cause a sailor aught to know. I tell's my old man that all "Sailor" knows about a marine is splicin-the-main-brace and he can fix up more fancy ways of doin' that than any bluenose.

The old man got so het up over the argyment on Sunday that he went off to barracks to get cooled off, as he said some one passed the word that it was cold up there, and he aint come home yet so I suppose he's learning to "splice-the-main-brace" along of the "Sailor."

Wot I want's to know is there a 'Orsemarine?

MA.

The answer to the above is rather too much for us, and we wonder if some of our good friends aboard the "Valarian" or the "Wistaria" could give us some information on the subjeet, it seems to us that we saw a Petty Officer from one of His Majesty's above mentioned cruisers mounted upon one of our troop horses, on the occasion of our last mounted sports.

By-Town Bits.

Gets Good Post.—Lt.-Col. A. E. Dubue, D.S.O., of Montreal, superintending engineer of the Quebec canals, has been appointed acting chief engineer of the department of railway and canals, to succeed the late W. A. Bowden. On the outbreak of war, he went overseas with the 22nd Regiment from his native province, as a captain. He won rapid promotion and became lieutenant-colonel in command of that body. His distinguished service at the front won him a D.S.O. while a few months ago he was appointed an honorary A.D.C. to the Governor-General.

Mounties for Fair.—According to a statement issued by Lieut. Col. Courtland Starnes, Commissioner of the R.C.M.P., all units of the Mounties will be represented in a draft that will be sent to England to take part in the British Empire Exhibition. It is expected that the draft will proceed this month.

Addressed University Club.—The Problems of Empire formed the subject of an address given on the 21st February by Major-General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Chief of General Staff at a luncheon given in his honor at the University Club, Ottawa. The speaker gave his subject wide scope and gave the college men who heard him a wider view of the world conditions as they are at present than some of them had possessed.

Naval Changes.—Lieut. R. Shipley, commanding officer of the Ottawa half company R.C.N.V.R., has been appointed second in command to the Thiepval on its trip along the Alaskan coast to Siberia and Northern Japan, to open supply bases for the Canadian leg of the round-the-world flight.

Lieut. G. A. Worth, R.C.N., has come to Headquarters as communication officer. Lieut. J. C. I. Edwards, who has completed his physical training course at Portsmouth, has been posted to Halifax for duty.

To Form Sea Scouts.—The Ottawa branch of the Navy League of Canada, which has recently been organized, is about to organize a Sea Cadet Corps consisting of 50 boys of good physique between the ages of 14 and 16. These boys will receive physical training to include boxing, wrestling, fencing, Swedish gymnastics and swimming; they will also be taught elementary seamanship.

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Sunday and Monday, March 23rd-24th—"Black Oxen"; Corinne Griffith and Conway Tearle.

Tuesday, March 25th—"The World's a Stage," Elinor Glyn's famous story, starring Dorothy Phillips.

Sunday and Monday, March 30th-31st—"The Gold Diggers," with Hope Hampton.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1st-2nd—"Under the Red Robe," one of the season's biggest pictures.

Sunday and Monday, April 6th-7th—Richard Barthelmess, in "Twenty-one."

Thursday and Friday, April 10th-11th—"In Search of a Thrill," Viola Dana.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15th-16th—Johnny Hines in "Little Johnny Jones."

Thursday and Friday, April 17th-18th—Katherine McDonald in "Chastity."

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such as boat-pulling, boat sailing, signalling, and other activities pertaining to sea life. This training is intended to bring out the best qualities in the boys, and to build them up physically and morally. It will also qualify the lads for a seafaring life, should they desire to adopt it later on, though they are under no obligation to do so.

Was Honored.—The Right Rev. Father F. L. French, D.S.O., formerly chief Roman Catholic chaplain of the C.E.F., was honored at Renfrew recently by being tendered a dinner by a large number of ex-chaplains and his friends.

At the head table accompanying the toastmaster Lt. Col. Martin, D.S.O., of Ottawa, and formerly of Renfrew, were: Lt. Col. Rev. F. L. French, D.S.O., General H. A. Panet, A. G., Lt. Col. Rev. McGreer, of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, P.Q., Major Willis O'Connor, A.D.C. to the Governor General, Major McCarthy, D.S.O., M.C., Bishop Ryan, of Pembroke, Col. Canon Almond, Montreal, Col. Rev. Sylvester, Montreal, Major Rev. Father J. J. O'Gorman, O.B.E., of Ottawa, Major Rev. Father Hingston, of Montreal.

Many regrets for inability to attend were received by the toastmaster from which he read one from His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Byng, who expressed his great pleasure that Mgr. French was so honored.

Sir Arthur Currie wrote also regretting that indisposition prevented his attendance, Sir Arthur said that Mgr. French's war record merited the honor which was his that night.

Major General A. C. MacDonell, of Kingston, also wrote eulogizing Mgr. French's war services and those of the chaplain services in general, in helping maintain the morale of the troops.

Garrison Ball.—Upwards of 400 persons were present at the annual ball at the Chateau Laurier given by the Officers of His Majesty's Services at Ottawa on the 19th February. His Excellency the Governor General was present attended by Major Willis O'Connor, Major P. K. Hodgson, Capt. the Hon. F. W. Erskine, Major Wolridge Gordon and Major J. P. U. Archambault. The guests were received by Mrs. Walter Hose, Mrs. W. Barker, Mrs. J. H. Elmsley and Mrs. Courtland Starnes.

His Excellency the Governor General arrived promptly at ten o'clock and was met by Colonel Logie Armstrong, the chairman of the invitation committee, by Major J. Stuart Grant, the chairman of

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the committee in charge and by Major A. L. Normandin, the secretary. His Excellency was escorted to the ball room where he occupied a seat on the dais to the south end of the hall. Immediately the ladies of the reception committee proceeded to the ball room where they were presented to His Excellency.

Among the special guests of the officers during the evening were: Hon. E. M. Macdonald, minister of defence, and Mrs. Macdonald, who was accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Ter-Assatouroff, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Desbarats, Major General and Mrs. Elmsley, and Miss Armstrong, of Montreal.

Inspector M. H. Vernon, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was in charge of the house committee. Others of the committee who were responsible for the happy gathering included: Flag-Lieut. Lindsay, Captain F. G. Waite, Lieut. R. F. Cosh, Lieut. E. Davis, Captain G. A. Bate, Captain C. E. Steeves, Lieut. Colonel C. A. Young, Lieut. G. W. Ross, Major F. Harcourt Emra, Major W. H. Hutchinson.

Presented to Canada.—The Admiralty have presented to the Dominion Government the plate and trophies formerly held by H.M.S.

Dominion. The gift includes silver shields, rose bowls and centre-pieces. In 1912, when the new battleship was christened, out of compliment to Canada, a considerable quantity of silver plate for the officers' mess was presented by the people of Canada, and Canadian residents in Great Britain. The battleship was sold for breaking up in 1918.

Conducting Training.—Q.M.S.I. T. A. Aisthorpe, D.C.M., M.M., R.C.D., is at present in Ottawa conducting the winter training of the Hotchkiss troops of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. During his few leisure moments, he and a few of the old R.C.D., members of the regiment find time for memories of bygone days.

At Pierremont.—Speaking of Willy Aisthorpe, reminds me of that famous summer day in 1917 when he was ring master and chief announcer at the Regimental Horse show at Pierremont near St. Pol. Willy was in great form and the day was a scorcher. Of course various tents had been erected on the grounds and all and sundry went in and out of the shelter as the spirit moved them. He got a bit fed up with this after about

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umteen Wogs had appeared on the lists in the tent pegging competition, and as one son of Anak rode up he proclaimed in a loud voice "Subadar Major I'll Be Damned if I Khan." Poor old Straw nearly took a fit and Major General Seeley turned away to hide his mirth. Probably Sergt. Pete Merrix and a few kindred spirits could tell what happened after the show was over.

Paardeburg Day.—The 24th anniversary of the battle of Paardeburg was fittingly celebrated in the Capital by the Ottawa South African Veterans. In the morning they paraded in front of the City Hall when a wreath was placed on the South African monument by Miss Marjorie Cook, daughter of Mr. Fred Cook, who was Mayor of Ottawa when the South African war ended. The statue and the Lilliefontein gun were draped with large flags.

In the evening about 80 of the veterans attended the annual dinner which was held in Aylmer. Among those who attended the ceremonies were Major General MacBrien and Major General Panet, Captain G. H. A. Collins, P.L.D.G., is the president of the association.

Parliament Opens.—With all the customary flourishes and frills the Canadian Parliament got under way on the 28th of February. The P.L.D.G. supplied a travelling escort of two officers and 14 other ranks. The officers were Captain C. E. Steeves and Lieut. C. E. Gervan. The party in front of the carriage rode chestnut horses and the party in rear had the bays. The G.G.F.G. supplied a guard of honor and brass band. Major Lorne Johnstone was in command, and the 1st Battery C.F.A. under Major T. Williams fired the salute upon the arrival and departure of His Excellency.

The Drawing Room.—His Excellency the Governor General held a Drawing Room in the Senate Chamber on the evening of the 1st of March. He was attended by about 80 officers of Headquarters and the Ottawa garrison and the scene was one of brilliance and splendor.

Unveils Memorial.—At high noon on the 29th February His Excellency the Governor General unveiled a memorial in the House of Commons in honor of the late Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Baker, M.P., 5th C.M.R. The ceremony was a very impressive one and attended



Memorial to the late Lt.-Col. G. H. Baker, M.P., erected in the House of Commons. (By courtesy the Journal Dailies, Ottawa)

by a large gathering. The chairman was the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Speaker of the House of Commons and short addresses were given by Mr. Mackenzie King, Mr. Meighen, Mr. Robert Forke, Senator Sir James Loughheed and Senator G. G. Foster, of Brome. A guard of honor composed of 50 N.C.O's from Headquarters, under Captain Stewart Bate, were on duty and presented arms upon the unveiling of the memorial and the arrival and departure of the Vice Regal party. Lieut. Col. W. Rhoades, D.S.O., R.C.D., Major C. Hewson, M.C., and Captain H. Daubney, M.C., late 5th C.M.R., represented the 5th C.M.R. at the unveiling and deposited a wreath. The memorial takes the form of a life size statue of Colonel Baker, done in bronze. The figure is clothed in field kit and a trench coat is thrown over the left arm. Suitable tablets surround the statue at each side and the base. The band of the Governor General's Foot Guards supplied the music for the event. About 300 persons were present including a number of gentlemen who were members of the House of Commons along with Colonel Baker.

In 1903 Col. Baker was gazetted a lieutenant in the 6th Hussars, and in 1913 Lieut.-Colonel of the Scottish Light Dragoons, now the E.T.M.R. He volunteered at the outbreak of the war and raised the 5th C.M.R. in the year 1915, and embarked for England in

June, 1915. After training at Shorncliffe, he crossed to France on October 24th, 1915, as part of the 8th Infantry Brigade under Brig. General Victor Williams. Early in March, the 3rd Division was moved up to the Ypres salient. On May 28th, General Sir Julian Byng (now Baron Byng) took over command from General Alderson and on June 2nd the 5th C.M.R. held the second line trench at Maple Copse. The centre of the front line was held by the 1st C.M.R. with the P.P.C.L.I. to the left, and beyond the fringe of Sanctuary Wood the Royal Canadian Regt. To the right of the centre was the 4th C.M.R.

The "Times" of June 12th, 1916, gives a full account of the fighting that followed: "Suddenly a bombardment began over the whole front, lasting four hours, exceeding in severity anything hitherto seen. Quite certain that no living being could survive such a rain of death, the German infantry advanced, but met with such resistance from the half dazed remnant that next day the counter advance found the ground strewn with German dead."

"C" Company of the 5th C. M. R. was in the thick of this fighting and lost heavily. Colonel Baker was killed about 8.30 p.m. during the intensity of the bombardment and was buried at Poperinghe.

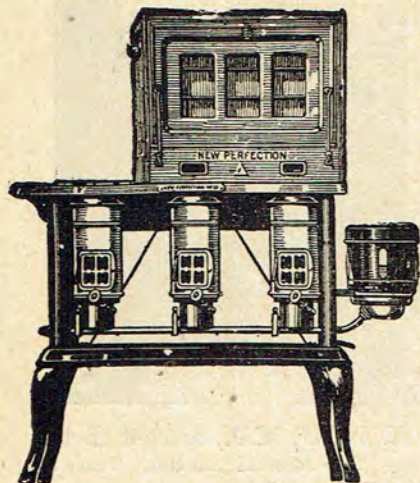
Sergeants' Ball.—All units of the garrisons of Ottawa and Hull were represented at the ball given

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on Feb. 29, in the Rose Room by the garrison sergeants. The dance hall presented a gay scene, lances and military shields forming the prominent features of the decorations. The scarlet uniform of the Mounties and the Guards, the blue of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, the striking uniform of the La Salle Cadets, the tartan of the Highlanders, and the khaki of the other service units combined with the dresses of the ladies with brilliant effect. Guests from outside the city included R.S.M. Turner, of the R.C.A.; Q.M.S. T. G. Brown, Div. H.Q.; G.M.S. H. C. Clarke, R.M.C.; B.S.M. Crichton, R.H.C.; C.S.M. LeBrun, R.H.C.; R.S.M. Threfall, and Q.M.S. Bittell, of the Governor General's Guards; C.S.M. O'Hare, and Miss O'Hare, of the Glengarry Highlanders, and Q.M.S. Todd, of Toronto.

The ladies who received and acted as hostesses during the evening were Mesdames Boss, Attfield, Margetts, Seguin, Campbell, Lachance and Whiteacre.

Those responsible for the success of the function were R.S.M. L. E. Seguin, president; R.S.M. W. Boss, secretary; C.S.M. C. S. Day, Q.M.S. C. A. Parker, and Staff Sergeant J. E. Margetts.

Want Memorial.—That a memorial tablet be placed in the Hall of Fame in the House of Commons rather than a central artillery memorial, to commemorate the services of the members during the Great War, was passed at the closing session of the Canadian Artillery Association on the 29th ultimo. The officers for the coming year are: President, Brig.-General W. O. H. Dodds; vice-presidents, Lt.-Col. D. A. McKinnon, Lt.-Col. J. A. Macdonald, Lt.-Col. H. H. Stern, Lt.-Col. G. S. Rennie; executive committee, Lt.-Col. T. H. Vien, M.P., Lt.-Col. E. G. M. Cape, Lt.-Col. Austin Gillies, Major L. S. Kelley; secretary-treasurer, Lt.-Col. C. H. L. Sharman; auditor, Lt.-Col. J. F. Cunningham.

Is Honorary Colonel.—Recent despatches from England announce that Baron Byng of Vimy has been appointed colonel of the 10th Royal Hussars. The Shining Tenth always pick the winners.

Assumes Command.—Major W. C. Gillies, who has been in command of No. 1 Co. C.A.S.C., has been appointed to command the 3rd Divisional Train, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

P.P.C.L.I. Dinner.—On March the 1st the Patricia Club of Ot-



Several officers have visited the Venetian Gardens with a view to obtaining an advertisement for "The Goat" from that institution. To date no official notification of their success has reached "The Goat" office.

tawa held their annual dinner to commemorate the battle of St. Elio. Major General MacBrien was the guest of honor. Speeches were made by several guests and greetings from Colonel Hamilton Gault were conveyed by General MacBrien and Captain K. C. Burness, who, as adjutant, was the first Canadian to enter Mons on the never to be forgotten 11th of November, 1918.

Gave Dinner.—Lieut. Colonel J. E. Gravelle, honorary lieutenant colonel of the Hull Regiment, entertained the members of the regiment to a dinner on the evening of the 3rd instant. The commanding officers of the Ottawa regiments and a number of officers from headquarters were among the guests.

The Dragoons Visit Ottawa.—All ranks of the P.L.D.G. were glad to welcome the hockey team of "A" Squadron, R.C.D., on their visit here on the 5th instant. Whilst the ice was not in the best shape possible the visitors made the Ottawa men go the limit in order to win the game. It was more good luck than good playing that defeated the visitors and they put up a whale of a game. The team were quartered during their stay at the P.L.D.G. barracks and their spiritual and temporal wants were looked after by Sergt.-Major W. Boxey, W.O.

A New Song.—Among the spring publications is a song by Captain Morris Drury, R.C.D., entitled "Ain't It Funny What A Difference Just One Goal Makes." It is dedicated to Lieut. Henry

Gill, P.L.D.G.

Engaged.—The marriage will take place in the early summer of Miss Marie Lucyanne Desbarats, elder daughter of Mr. G. J. Desbarats, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of the Department of National Defence, and Mrs. Desbarats, and granddaughter of the late Sir Richard Scott, to Colonel Mark Gillin, R.C.O.C., and Director of Equipment and Ordnance at Headquarters.

Queries and Answers.

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Omderman 1898, two medals
South Africa, Queen and King's Medals

1914 and 1915 Medal
General and Victory Medals for late War.

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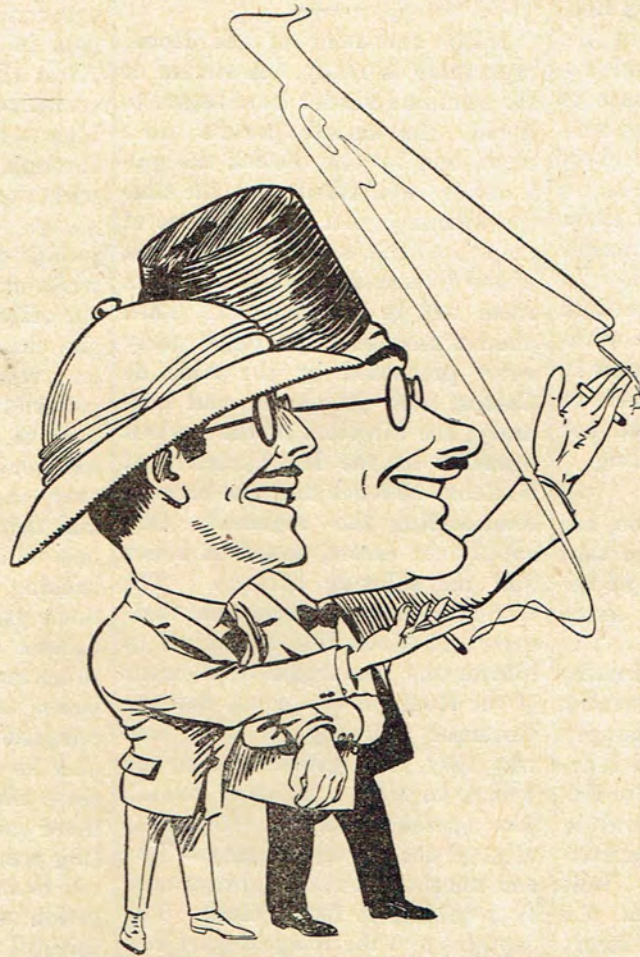
Answer:—

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When Parliament Opens.

The announcement that appears every year in the Canada Gazette, that Parliament will open on a set date, always sets official Ottawa moving at a faster clip. The news-gatherers at headquarters get their stories into shape and they are shot all over the country and are read by thousands of people. The members and senators begin to set their affairs in order, for a sojourn of anywhere from four to six months at the Capital looking after the business of the nation, and are in turn plagued by their wives to be allowed to come along with them, either just for the opening, or for a more lengthy period of time.

It is the opening of the House itself that is the big show of the lot. Colonel E. J. Chambers, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, finds a marked increase in his daily budget of letters and requests for cards of admittance to the opening, cards of first presentation for wives of new members and their eligible daughters, and a hundred and one things all claim the attention of the little master of ceremonies at the Capital. In different centres, dressmakers and kindred specialists get busy working overtime, making the outfit in order that Madame Blank, wife of Mr. Blank, M.P., may make her bow and do credit to her riding.

The Militia Department too, are busy and orders have to be sent out to the various regiments of the Ottawa garrison to do their share to make the event a success. The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, the crack non-permanent cavalry corps of Canada, have to supply an escort of two officers and fourteen other ranks, to take His Excellency the Governor General in state from Rideau Hall to the Parliament buildings. They wait there until the speech from the throne is delivered and then escort the Governor back to Rockcliffe. The Governor General's Foot Guards have to supply a guard of honor, consisting of three officers and one hundred other ranks, besides the Colours and the brass band to form a guard to receive His Excellency. The 1st Artillery Brigade have to supply a saluting battery to fire a Royal salute of 21 guns on the arrival and the departure of the Governor. This latter job is done to the King's taste. The moment the outriders of the escort enter Parliament Hill grounds, a signaller, in the tower

of the House of Commons block, signals to the Battery who are in rear of the building and firing over the Ottawa River. The same procedure is followed when the Governor leaves the House.

The Cavalry usually practice for a week or ten days before the House opens and every man has his horse doing just what he wants him to do. It is no easy matter to handle the average horse, with bands playing and guns firing, and the men and horses have to be trained. A trip along the less frequented streets of the capital at night, might reveal a cavalry escort to a delivery sleigh, hired for the event. The main job is to regulate the speed of the escort to the pace of the carriage and, be it said, the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards have never fallen down on their job since they were formed in 1873. Governors General may come, and may go, but the cavalry escort goes on forever.

Inside the floor of the House everything is ready. A stream of the feminine gender have begun to invade the sacred portals since noon, and by one o'clock the galleries are well filled. By the time the warning guns and the blare of the brass band herald the approach of the Governor, there is not much room left in the chamber. Then amid a hush the Vice Regal party enter proceeded by the Aide de Camps, both permanent and honorary, the directors of the various branches at the Headquarters of National Defence and the officers commanding the regiments that supply the escort, guard of honor and the saluting battery. The Governor and his escort take their seats and Black Rod rushes off to inform the Honorable Gentlemen of the House of Commons, that the Governor is ready to tell them why they have gathered from the Yukon to Prince Edward Island. The speech from the throne is usually not a very lengthy affair and the show is nearly always over by a quarter to four o'clock. The captains and the Kings depart and the Gentlemen of the House of Commons generally adjourn over the week end. The big show of the evening is the State Dinner at Rideau Hall at which official Ottawa is well represented.

Then comes the Drawing Room on Saturday night. This is the game that the buds have been talking over all winter and many are the anxious moments spent getting the war paint and glad rags in order. The levee starts promptly at nine o'clock and has been known to continue until after 11. The

first levee held by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, was the biggest ever held and people came from many cities in the United States for the show. The Governor and his wife are on a dais and all coming for presentation have to pass between two long lines of officers of the Ottawa garrison and the Dept. of National Defence. To a first offender that line seems a mile long, and the time takes about two years to pass. However, it is soon over and one retires with a long drawn sigh of relief and a fervant wish for a draught of the waters that have made the land of Burns and Harry Lauder famous. For the officers, who have to stand at attention during the show, however, the time does not race very fast and it is ten chances to one that when the Governor and his consort get home, they have their respective necks well massaged after a couple of thousand nods and bows. The table of procedure and precedent are strictly observed and no one gets in before his or her turn. After the cabinet, and the representatives of foreign powers and high church dignitaries are through, the members and senators with their wives and families trot along. Then come the common public followed at last by the wives and unmarried daughters of the officers on duty on the floor of the chamber. These ladies have had reserved seats in one of the galleries all evening and have been able to sit and criticize all that has gone on. For the buds, however, the time is an anxious one and there is always the dread that one will trip over one's train in backing away from the Throne. Some years ago, the daughter of a cabinet minister did that little thing amidst the smiles of the audience. A very gallant officer, attempted to assist her to arise, but alas he had grown much stouter since his trousers were built and there was a decided noise of splitting seams. The gallant was forced to retire from the scene of the action with a body guard of the faithful around him to cover the scene of the wreck. It took a long time for the story to die and was the subject of many a joke for some time.

The regiments that do the grand honors at the opening are among the oldest in Canada. The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards got their title from Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, when she was in Canada as the wife of the Marquis of Lorne. She is the present Honorary Colonel of the regiment, which is in command of Lieut. Col. L. P. Sherwood, a son

of Sir Percy Sherwood, former Commissioner of Dominion Police. The regiment is at full strength and one of the four pukka non-permanent cavalry regiments in Canada. During the late war over 700 members of the regiment enlisted, and the 8th Canadian Mounted Rifles and the Royal Canadian Dragoons got a large number of these.

The Governor General's Foot Guards, commanded by Lieut.-Col. R. F. Parkinson, D.S.O., also supplied many hundreds of men in the war and the Eastern Ontario Company of the 2nd Battalion was recruited from them. They also formed the 207th battalion.

The 1st Artillery Brigade comprising the 1st and 2nd Batteries, were formerly known as the 8th Brigade and before the war had the 2nd and 23rd Batteries. At the outbreak of hostilities Major General Sir E. W. B. Morrison, then Colonel, took command of the brigade intact and turned it over to the C.E.F. This was the only artillery brigade to go to the C. E. F. in a body and retain their old pre-war identity. The present

commanding officer of the brigade is Lieut.-Col. A. B. Gillies.

Altogether there is something doing when the House opens and the Ottawa merchants mentally figure how much they are going to get out of the show, and when they will be able to collect their bills for what they have sold to the anxious ladies of the realm.

"B" Squadron.

PAARDEBURG DAY.

On Wednesday, February 27th, a Smoking Concert was held by "B" Coy. (M.Gs) The R.C.R., at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, in commemoration of the 24th anniversary of the battle of Paardeburg during the South African War, 1900. On this occasion the action of the R.C.R. materially helped in the capture of General Cronje's Force, and incidentally brought the name of Canada's crack Infantry Unit to the notice of the World. The R.C.R. were also the first Regiment to enter Pretoria in this campaign.

The concert was a howling success and was carried out with all the traditions of the Service. Special thanks are due to C.Q.M.S. "Dusty" Miller, who was in charge of the "Rations".

The talent of the Artists who entertained the company was exceptionally good. The "Evening Star" being Capt. Bert Dayton, of the York Rangers—"The Hungry Dozen"—formerly one of the organizers of the 1st Canadian Corps Concert Party, later known as the "Dumbells". Others deserving mention in despatches being Messrs. Bennet Bros., our old friend "Ginger Bill", Sgt. C. Ssholey, late 5th Royal Irish Lancers, and the musicians, Herbert Powers' Orchestra.

Among the guests of the evening were Lt. Col. F. Gilman, D.S.O., R.C.D., Officer Commanding Stanley Barracks; Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., R.C.D.; Lieut. W. G. D. Chadwick, R.C.D.; SMI. (W.O.1) G. D. Churchward, M.M., R.C.D.; Q.M.S.I. J. H. Dowdell, R.C.D.; Q.M.S.I. A. M. Doyle, R.C.D.; Harry Karcher, M.M., R.C.D. and the Officers attending the Royal Schools of Cavalry and Infantry.

Stanley Barracks Football Club.

No doubt it will come as a pleasant surprise to the members of the Regt. who were supporters of the pre-war Stanley Barracks Football Team to hear that although for several years the Barracks have not appeared in the Toronto and District League in unity, but have figured in Regimental Teams, at last we appear as a Stanley Barrack Team once again.

Needless to remark to the followers of football in the old days, not only among our own ranks, but throughout the City of Toronto, the team needs no introduction, for it will be perhaps remembered that the S. B. F. Club were among the pioneers of the sport, which has sprung from what might have been an unknown quantity to its present proportion, last year there being no less than 78 teams, Seniors and Juniors, playing in the City and suburbs. This fact only to well known to the officials of the league, we were heartily welcomed back, which speaks well for the high class of football the Barracks Team always displays.

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their names, such as British United, etc., or have reorganized. In conversation with some of the officials, it was found that a big percentage of the old players were either incapacitated through war wounds, or had made the supreme sacrifice.

So that Football, like most other things, has felt the war, and everything had to be re-organized.

With the ready sanction of Col. Gilman, O.C. Stanley Barracks, we are going into the League this year, not only to try and live up to the old reputation, but strive hard to outdo in a sporting manner and preceding performance.

Games will be played between the Units stationed here and the players with the best performance chosen therefrom.

The Officers and Committee are as follows:—

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Hon. Vice-Pres.—Lt.-Col. Langford, The R.C.R.

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Pres.—Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., R.C.D.

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The Committee have the whole-hearted support of the players and in unison will endeavour to surpass previous performances, maintain a sporting spirit generally and uphold the Service they represent in particular.

The Division to which the team will be allotted will be announced later.

Team colours will be Royal Blue and Gold.

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"B" Sqn. the R.C.D., supplied the travelling escort for the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario at the opening of the Provincial Parliament on the 6th of February. The escort was commanded by Lieut. W. G. D. Chadwick, R.C.D., and consisted of the following N.C.O's and men—Sergt. Costello, Corpl. Manning, Corpl. Pritchard, Tpr. Taylor, C., Tpr. McNeilage, Tpr. Crowe, Tpr. Cullinan, Tpr. Gordon, Tpr. Rutherford, Tpr. Murphy, Tpr. Hazel, Tpr. Wynn, Tpr. Galloway.

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One of the two frame buildings of the Rosedale Barracks, situated in a thickly wooded area of North Rosedale and used by officers of the Royal Canadian Dragoons and other military detachments, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday entailing a loss to building and contents estimated at \$15,000. Neither building nor contents was insured. The barracks consisted originally of seven frame buildings built during the war, the building destroyed having been formerly used as a hospital for returned overseas soldiers. At the close of the war the structure was refitted for use by officers of the Royal Canadian Dragoons and other sections of the permanent forces. Only one of the seven structures now remains standing five of the buildings having been destroyed by fire a year ago last Friday. The fire of yesterday is said to have started in the furnace room, which was situated in the west end of the structure. The blaze apparently gained considerable headway in the west wing before discovery by one of the soldiers on emerging from the structure immediately to the south, in which are housed many soldiers and their families.

Owing to the impassable condition of the roads, the firemen experienced considerable trouble reaching the fire. The building was situated on the brow of a hill near McClellan Avenue, overlooking the old Belt Line tracks, and which can only be reached by a roundabout route, seldom used during the Winter. By the time the firemen had succeeded in blazing a trail through the snow and had located a hydrant which was buried beneath a snowpile, the entire building, a two-storey structure, was completely enveloped in flames. Meanwhile officers and their wives, who had managed to reach safety after groping their way through dense smoke which circulated through the place with great rapidity, endeavored to save some of their belongings, but without success. The fire was raging and eating its way through the wooden partitions so fast that it was only a short time before the

roof caved in. To save the building immediately to the south of the burning structure from catching fire, Fire Chief Russell pressed into service two motor pumps.

Basement Flooded.

With the additional water supply the firemen soon had the conflagration under control. The outer walls of the building were covered with tar paper, and latched, flimsy material helped the fire to make quick headway. Several streams of water were poured into the building, and the water flowed out and down the embankment, flooding the basement of the building, in which private soldiers and their families are housed. The fire boxes in the furnaces were swamped, with the result that several privates spent last night pumping out the basement.

When the buildings were erected by the Dominion Government they were not intended for permanent use, but owing to the limited space at Stanley Barracks, they had since been used as living quarters for officers and men and their families.

The building destroyed yesterday contained many valuable pieces of furniture and other articles owned by officers. Nothing was saved. The officers who occupied quarters in the building were: Lieut.-Colonel Russell, Royal Canadian Engineers; Major W. Baty, Royal Canadian Dragoons; Major Lutton, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps; Captain J. Wood, Royal Canadian Dragoons, and Lieut. C. S. Jones, Army Medical Corps.—(Mail & Empire, 10/3/23.)

The father had been lecturing to his young son (age about 12 years) on not wasting his time during the winter months. "Why when I was your age," he said, "I used to read books about birds, beetles, moths, etc., during the winter then pursue my hobby by practical investigations in the spring."

The young lad thought it an excellent idea, and the following day his father coming into the library found him deeply interested in a book.

"I am glad to see you have taken my advice, sonny, what subject are you studying?"

"What a young mother ought to know."

The Birthday of "The Goat" is March 17th, and it has an orange cover.

Some Impressions of the Italians Cav. School at Pinerolo.

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The Italian Cavalry School proper is at Pinerolo, a small country town on the edge of the Alps, about 30 kilometres west of Turin, and is commanded by a Brigadier-General. The ordinary course at this School lasts nine months, and all Cavalry Officers are supposed to do the course immediately after joining their regiments from the Military College; but at present they are still working through the officers who joined during the war, and consequently most of the officers now attending the School have several years' service. Between fifty and sixty officers attend each course, and are divided into three sections or rides. A ride, therefore, may consist of as many as twenty officers, but each ride instructor is assisted by at least one, and usually two, assistant instructors. The ride instructors are senior captains, and their assistants are either junior captains or senior lieutenants who have done both courses at Pinerolo and Tor di Quinto. These assistants are normally kept a year and then sent back to their regiments, and are then considered fit to be regimental riding instructors, and the best are marked down as future instructors at Pinerolo.

Each student rides at least four hours a day, does one hour's physical training or fencing, and has at least two lectures a day—all military subjects being taught, as well as riding, training and horse management. Each student brings two horses to the School and is allotted three School horses—a thoroughbred, a half-bred and a young horse, but only rides four a day.

The two hours' riding in the morning is nearly always done in a riding school, of which they have two. One of these two schools is supposed to be the biggest in the world, and is a very fine school indeed. It is roughly about 78 yards long and about 30 yards wide, and has a very fine glass-fronted gallery, which is divided into three compartments, one of these being strictly reserved for the Commandant and Instructors.

The chief aim of the Italian system of riding and training horses is simplicity. They say that they are not naturally a nation of horsemen and their soldiers

only serve for one year, and therefore they cannot aim very high or attempt anything they consider difficult. They have, therefore, eradicated all idea of training their horses to be handy as we understand handiness. They never ride in anything but snaffles; they let the horse find his own natural balance. They practically never ride with the reins in one hand, and merely train their horses to circle and turn freely, willingly and quietly, to stop quickly and quietly but on the freehand and not suddenly, and to canter on a required leg. Changing at a canter is never attempted; in fact, nothing is done which will upset the horse's mind or natural balance. A tremendous amount of jumping is done, and they maintain, and I think quite rightly too, that with their system they will train any horse to be a good safe conveyance over any country and over every imaginable kind of obstacle in a very short time; and that by adopting their seat and position on a horse any man, no matter what his shape of natural abilities, can ride a horse over obstacles or across a country in a very short time. They also maintain that their seat and position is the easiest, both for horse and man, and that our seat and system of balancing a horse more on his hocks puts too much strain on the weakest part of the horse, viz., his loins, and that therefore their horses as a whole will always jump better, higher and more kindly than ours. In support of this I must say that I saw officers of all shapes and sizes jumping hundreds of different kinds of obstacles daily, and I never once saw a horse interfered with to any appreciable extent, either by being touched in the mouth or by the rider losing his balance, and at Pinerolo a refusal is practically unknown. They ride with a very much shorter stirrup than we do. Their rough guide for length of stirrup is to place the heel of the hand on the buckle of the stirrup leather and have them such a length that the bottom of the iron just reaches the arm-pit. However, in spite of this short stirrup, they insist on the rider being well 'enforked,' and by this they mean that he must keep his seat as near the centre of the saddle as possible and force his knee and thigh as far down as possible; and to do this the lower part of the leg must be drawn well back, but by forcing the heel well down they avoid drawing it too far back. The loins are kept well forward, and the back consequently rather hollow. To remain seated in the saddle in this position at a canter, and not stand in the stirrups, requires considerable practice and

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suppleness of the loins and hips, and a very long period of trotting makes the back muscles ache terribly until one gets used to it.

When jumping, the body is kept well forward with the centre of gravity well over the knees, and the seat, though it should have no weight on the back of the saddle, should not leave the saddle to any appreciable extent (see Plate 1). In this picture the rider has brought his body slightly further forward than necessary, but otherwise his position is very good.

Jumping is practically their be-all and end-all in riding; they have no polo and they do no skill-at-arms mounted. Show-jumping is their chief sport. Shows are held all over Italy all the spring, summer and autumn, very large money prizes are given, and consequently methods which are successful in training show-jumpers carry as much weight with them as methods which are successful in training polo ponies and hunters do with us. Our ideal troop horse could play polo and so be quick and handy for mounted combat, and see a good hunt. They do not consider that it is necessary to have a horse handy and quick enough for mounted combat, and say that it is beyond their powers to train horses to that extent with their present short service, and that it is unnecessary for modern warfare and, thirdly, that it would spoil their horses for jumping.

In working in the School tremendous stress is laid on the importance of making men and horses work individually and not too much as a ride. Most of the work was done a *volontà*, each officer turning or circling his horse as he pleased in the centre of the school.

Mounting is always done without stirrups, and I believe even the soldiers in full marching order have to mount without stirrups, though I never had an opportunity of seeing it done. Each horse was only worked for an hour in the school, but work during that hour was pretty strenuous, and at the end of an hour each officer and horse was sweating pretty profusely and quite ready for a rest. During the first week most of the time was spent in getting officers into the correct seat, and acquiring this seat made everyone's back muscles ache pretty considerably. Jumping, however, was soon started, and once started went on unceasingly. One started by trotting and cantering in single file over a pole on the ground, which was raised very gradually and never put more than 2 feet 6 inches high in the first three weeks.

While working in the School, the Instructor was never mounted. Any necessary demonstrations

were given by his assistants, who usually led the ride or were detailed to point out various faults to individuals while the work was going on. The Instructor was then able to concentrate the whole of his attention on his ride, and was never disturbed by his own horse.

The two hours' riding in the afternoon was nearly always done out of doors, and if the School was used at all it was only used for one hour. Outdoor work in the afternoon was usually done in what they called the 'Campo Ostacoli.' This was a large circular plot of ground round the outside of which was a sandy exercising track about half a mile round. Inside this track and near the entrance was a large circular sandy manège, and in the centre of this manège were three permanent jumps—a brick wall and two pole jumps, both capable of being raised or lowered to any height, and made fixed, or so that they could be knocked down. A tremendous amount of the training of show-jumpers was done in this manège. The rest of the ground outside the manège and inside the exercising track was a mass of sandy tracks and grass rides running and crossing in every direction, and in these rides and tracks one found obstacles of every conceivable sort and kind, but all quite small, the largest and most formidable being a stone wall about 3 feet 9 inches to 4 feet high. The procedure in the Campo Ostacoli was usually as follows:—

1st. Get horses' backs down and going quietly and smoothly and officers in a good position, either by a good steady trot and canter round the track or by work in the manège.

2nd. Get the officers sitting properly over one of the jumps in the centre of the manège.

3rd. A small parcours over the fences outside the manèges, either in groups of five or six behind the instructor or one of his assistants, or singly, each officer being told what route to take.

Occasionally, for a change in the afternoon, instead of working in the Campo Ostacoli, we were taken for a ride in the hills round Pinerolo; these usually took the form of a quiet hack along the roads up and down fairly steep hills, simply to exercise and muscle up the horses and give the ride a change of scenery; but occasionally, when any suitable steep banks were found, we were made to ride up and down them to strengthen the riders' seats and give them confidence. One of these rides, however, remains very clearly impressed on my memory, and I will try and describe it.

We left barracks in single file,

and proceeded through the town, the streets of which were paved with small, round slippery cobbles. Presently we turned up a narrow alley which went up a steep hill. The hill got steeper and steeper, and there was a good deal of noise, clattering and slipping, and sparks flying from the horses' shoes. The hill eventually became so steep that the alley had to be made into a series of broad shallow steps; this, however, made the going easier except when one's horse put his foot on the edge of a step and slipped off. Eventually, amidst sighs of relief, we reached the top; but after turning one or two corners, to our dismay, we proceeded to go down a similar hill, and this was an even more nerve-wracking performance than going up. We then proceeded to ride up to the church, which is situated on the top of an isolated pinnacle, and the road up to it has to make several hair-pin turns. On arriving at the church, the Instructor rode through a narrow gateway into a stone passage, which turned sharp to the right with the church on one side and a wall on the other. I was rear file of the ride, and had not the least idea what was round the corner, but heard a considerable amount of noise and wondered why my horse was get-

ting so excited, but I was not left in doubt long, for my turn soon arrived and my horse made one wild plunge through the gate, whipped round the corner to the right, nearly slipping up in the effort, and proceeded to charge up a flight of about fifty stone steps. The Instructor stood at the top shouting 'Adajio' at me, but nothing in the world would have made my horse go slower till he was at the top. We then proceeded to ride down a very steep grass slope, ending in a sheer drop of 5 or 6 feet into the road quite close to one of the hair-pin turns, so that if one's horse jumped out too wildly into the road, before he could stop himself he went straight on down another short, steep slope, and over a very much worse drop into the next bit of road. After this we were taken along a very narrow footpath, with a stream on one side and the road on the other, which gradually fell further and further away from the path. When the drop was about 6 feet, the Instructor turned his horse quickly and jumped down, and we all followed in single file and jumped down in turn at the same place. On a willing horse which would turn and go straight down without hesitating it was quite easy, but a

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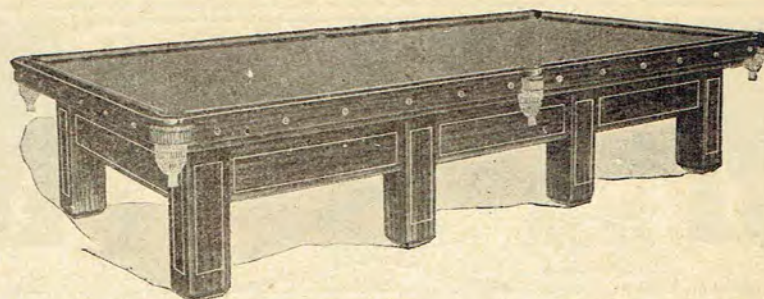
nervous jockey on an unwilling horse was practically certain to go backwards into the stream. After this we were taken down two more steep grass slopes and then home.

Besides the Campo Ostacoli, there was another large plot of ground in the middle of the town which belonged to the School, which was used as a Sports Ground and one end of it kept as a show-jumping ground, and here their show-jumpers were schooled two or three times over the exact course before going away to compete in any shows.

In addition to this, about 3 miles from the School there was a large bit of land known as Baudenasca, which corresponded to the Vervie at Saumur. Baudenasca was a large acacia wood, round the outside of which was a broad grass gallop about 3 kilometres round. Branching off through the wood from this track were many other grass rides, and branching from these grass rides were many little, narrow twisted tracks. On the main gallop round the edge of the wood there were no fences, but down the rides and tracks one met obstacles of every kind and sort. In the middle of the wood there was a large clearing, and this was divided up into several paddocks, and some old farm buildings had been made into loose boxes. These boxes and paddocks were used for horses requiring a rest for any length of time. Baudenasca is not used at all at the beginning of a course, and I saw no work being done there, but I shall not forget a ride I had there the day before I left to go on to Tor di Quinto. The Chief Instructor, the Instructor of my ride, and other Instructors, a Swiss officer and myself, were driven out one afternoon to a place about 3 miles from the School, where the country was wild and uncultivated. Here we found horses waiting for us, and, having mounted, proceeded to gallop across country. The going in most places was very rough and rather stony, and full of small bushes and trees, and was rather like bits of country one meets occasionally whilst pig-sticking in India, but in this case we had no wild and savage boar in front to urge one on and distract one's attention from the unpleasantness of the going; and at the beginning, riding very short in a snaffle on a horse that was pulling a bit, dodging trees and bushes, I was far from happy, but after a mile or so one learnt to sit more easily and leave one's horse alone. With the exception of one short halt to give the horses a blow and occasional short trots over a stony river bed or through a wood, we must have galloped for quite 5 miles and finished up at

Baudenasca. Here we gave our horses another short breather and then started off, playing follow-my-leader up and down and in and out of the rides and tracks, and some of the obstacles which we came across very suddenly and unexpectedly gave one's nervous system a considerable shock, but one's horse negotiated them all with the utmost ease, and one soon ceased to worry about what was coming next. After about five minutes of this, the horses, as one can imagine, were pretty weary, and we halted in the open space in the middle, where we found a fresh lot of horses waiting for us. A short halt for a cigarette and then up again and I was told my new mount was a 'patent safety.' He certainly was, or the chances are I wouldn't be writing this now. Off we went again, the Chief Instructor leading, followed by myself, the Swiss officer behind him, and now the fun started in real earnest. We galloped and twisted and turned and jumped till the horses began in show signs of distress, and I was sweating at every pore and very weary. We then halted for a minute or two and then suddenly, without a word of warning, off went the little Chief again, followed only by the Swiss officer and myself, the other two having had enough. This time we did not twist about in the various rides for long, and soon came out into the open space in the middle, and I began to let out my reins, make much of my horse, and to chat to the Swiss—when to my amazement, I saw the little Chief, sitting down, riding at a post and rails round one of the paddocks; and off we went again in and out of all paddocks, and if we jumped one rail we must have jumped over twenty, all over 4 feet, and one, which we jumped three or four times, a good 4 feet 6 inches. My horse certainly proved himself a 'patent safety' for he never put a foot wrong or touched a fence, except the very last rail, when he was tired that my chief surprise was that he was able to get over it at all, especially as he was a bad whistler. And so ended a never-to-be-forgotten afternoon and a most enjoyable, instructive and interesting three weeks at Pinerolo, where one was greeted like a very old friend, and cheery evenings in the Mess are not unknown.

Note.—There is a descent known as the descent of Mombrone. This descent was done more as a test of nerve than anything else, and in pre-war days every officer had to go down it before he left the School; but accidents were not unknown and occasionally rather serious, and the practice has rather died out since the war.



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In a future number Tor di Quinto will be described.

Mention has already been made about the aristocratic members of the Medical Corps arriving at, and departing from duty at the hospital in a cab. Our old friend Pte. (Dr.) Cataford has been reported as having gone one better. The cab now deposits him at the Canteen, waits for him to do his bit towards maintaining "that schoolgirl complexion" then takes him on to the hospital.

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At a class recently held there was an unusual lack of intelligence which appears to have got on the nerves of the adjutant who was lecturing—"You may go now," he said crisply, "please don't flap your ears as you go out."

We had reserved a space to describe the accident which occurred to the Hammonds' sleigh, but we regret that the space was not sufficiently large enough to accommodate the subject, and also that the subject is rather heavy.

Overheard in the G.P.O., Ottawa—"Oh, do you know Donnie Grant? The man who thinks he can walk on the water, and talks about elevating subjects such as grasshoppers.



HOCKEY.

Singer 1, "A" Sqn. R.C.D. 0.

On Feb. 13th we played a league game with the Singers. Good ice, fast play, and one of the best games of the season was the opinion of all who saw the game.

We were unfortunately deprived of the services of Kelly who was in hospital, but everyone else was going at top speed, in fact the team was in such perfect condition that they went the whole 60 minutes without a single relief. In the early part of the first period the Singers managed to net a hot one, and the crowd little dreamt that it was to be the last goal of the game. Try as they might the Drags. could not overcome the one goal lead, although the puck was at the Singer end most of the time; in the last period Captain Drury hardly got enough work to keep him warm.

Barker played a strong game on the defence, and his rushes up the ice caused many anxious moments for the Singers. Nothing but the fact that all our horse shoes seemed to be parked in the stables can account for our not winning the match.

Teams and summary:—
Singers R.C.D.
Goal Capt. Drury
Defence Cpl. Barker
Tpr. Mercier
Centre L/Cpl. Stanyar
Forwards L/Cpl. Durnford
L/Cpl. McKerrall
Spares
Lefebvre
Lauder
Donaghy
Lemieux
Referee—Phil. Brault.

K. of C. 9, R.C.D. 0

On Sunday, 17th Feb., we met the K. of C. and received the worst trouncing that we have ever experienced in St. Johns.

The Knights scored two goals in the first period, two in the second, and five in the third. In view of the good game we had put

up against the Singers, and the class of hockey we have been playing ever since, this whitewash is hard to understand, but perhaps a little bit of overconfidence in the early part of the game is responsible.

The teams line up as follows:
K. of C. R.C.D.
Goal Capt. Drury
Defence Cpl. Barker
Tpr. Mercier
Centre L/Cpl. Stanyar
Forwards L/Cpl. Durnford
L/Cpl. McKerrall
Spares
Camaraire Tpr. Barrie
Harbee L/Cpl. Greene
Dion Tpr. Boucher
Gagnon Tpr. Rowe
Referee—Bill Rollo.

"A" Sqn. R.C.D. 4, "D" Coy. The R.C.R. 3.

We went in to Montreal on Tuesday, Feb. 19th to play our most important game of the year, against our old rivals "D" Coy. The game was played on the Victoria Rink, and a goodly number of supporters were on deck.

Major Bowie sent the regular line up in at the start of the game, and after a few minutes of end to end play Stanyar scored the first goal for the Drags. Tibbo soon tied the score, batting in a pass that came from behind our net. Durnford soon put us in the lead again with a hot shot from his wing, and Captain Home breaking away, with no one between him and Captain Drury, tied the score.

The second period was equally as close. After the first ten minutes Boucher was sent in to replace Stanyar and had only been on the ice about ten seconds when he batted in a rebound off Charbonneau's pads. The footsloggers came back strong, and after a three man rush Captain Home flipped in a rebound from Godin's shot.

The final period started with the score still a tie, and excitement ran high. Following a scramble in front of the R.C.R. goal Stanyar lying flat on the ice, managed

to bat the puck into the net for what proved to be the winning goal. The last few minutes of the game the Infantrymen fought hard to catch up, playing five men forward, they simply swarmed about our net, but the defence put up a stiff fight and anything that got through them was turned aside by Captain Drury.

Teams and summary:—
"D" Co. "A" Sqn.
The R.C.R. R.C.D.

Goal
Sgt. Charbonneau Capt. Drury
Defence Cpl. Barker
Cpl. Godin Cpl. Barker
Pte. Blais Tpr. Mercier
Centre
Capt. Home L/Cpl. Stanyar
Forwards
Cpl. Connelly L/Cpl. Durnford
Pte. Tibbo L/Cpl. McKerrall
Spares
Pte. Millette L/Cpl. Greene
Tpr. Boucher
Tpr. Barrie

1st period—
1—R.C.D.—Stanyar.
2—R.C.R.—Tibbo.
3—R.C.D.—Durnford.
4—R.C.R.—Home.
2nd period—
5—R.C.D.—Boucher.
6—R.C.R.—Home.
3rd period—
7—R.C.D.—Stanyar.
Referee—Sgt. Instructor Shaw,
The R.C.R.

R.C.D. 2, Champlains 1.

Determined to put up a good fight in our last league fixture of the season we met the Champlains at the Academy rink on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. The ice was in perfect condition and the pace was fast and furious. For two and a half periods the team battled up and down the ice without scoring. Our team seemed to have what little advantage there was, and played by far their best game of the season, everyone working at top speed. The forwards were shooting right on the net, and but for the excellent work of Marchand in goals for the Champlains, the score might have been anything in the double figures. "Slim" Durnford played the game of his life, and went the full time without a relief. While Major Nordheimer in goal for us handled everything that came his way in such a cool manner that he inspired the rest of the team with confidence.

About half way through the third period a long shot from Langlois found its way into the net, and it looked as though we were to be robbed out of an evening's good work by our usual bad luck. However, it was only a matter of minutes before Durnford

got in such a swift shot that it practically knocked Marchand into the net with it. Then the battle began all over again. Up and down the ice with each team playing first class hockey, till with four minutes to go, a rebound from McKerrall's shot was knocked in by Stanyar. Then playing a three man defence against the whole Champlain team forward we managed to keep them away from our end of the rink for the balance of the game.

Teams and summary:—
Champlains R.C.D.

Goal
Marchand Major Nordheimer
Defence
Langlois Cpl. Barker
P. Trahan Tpr. Mercier
Centre
P. Beaulieu L/Cpl. Stanyar
Forwards
Gervais L/Cpl. Durnford
E. Trahan L/Cpl. McKerrall
Spares
Mayrand Tpr. Barrie
Martin Tpr. Boucher
Potvin
1st period—
No score.
2nd period—
No score.
3rd period—
1—Champlains—Langlois.
2—R.C.D.—Durnford.
3—R.C.D.—Stanyar.
Referee—Mr. Rollo.

R.C.D. 3, Farnham 2.

On Sunday, Feb. 24th, we journeyed to Farnham to play the local team. A goodly number of supporters accompanied us, and were well repaid for their trip. In spite of the hard game we had played against the Champlains the previous evening, and the fact that Farnham had also played a league game in "C" Section of the Eastern Townships League the night before, the game was fast and exciting.

During the first period the Drags. had much the better of the play, and made the most of it by scoring two goals. Barker after an end to end rush scored with a nice shot from the left wing, and shortly afterwards Durnford got in one of his high velocity net bulgers. McKerrall was relieved by Barrie, and one of the Farnham players receiving a nasty cut over the eye was substituted for the balance of the period. The play developed into end to end rushes with neither side doing any further scoring.

In the second period Durnford soon scored again, then Farnham got busy and scored two goals in quick succession, and things began to liven up.

The third period found Farnham playing for all they were worth to try and even things up, but our defence were too strong for them, and the game ended with the Drags. at the long end of a 3 to 2 score. The game was remarkably clean, not a single player decorating the penalty bench.

Teams and summary:—
Farnham R.C.D.
Morrisette Goal Major Nordheimer
Defence
C. Stark Cpl. Barker
Potvin Tpr. Mercier
Centre
O'Hara L/Cpl. Stanyar
Forwards
L. Stark L/Cpl. Durnford
Larmer L/Cpl. McKerrall
Spares
Bissonnette Tpr. Barrie
Tpr. Boucher

1st period—
1—R.C.D.—Barker.
2—R.C.D.—Durnford.
2nd period—
3—R.C.D.—Durnford.
4—Farnham—C. Stark.
5—Farnham—O'Hara.
3rd period—
No score.

The Farnham team arranged for our supper at Martin's Hotel.

"A" Sqn. R.C.D. 4, "D" Coy. The R.C.R. 2.

"D" Coy. The Royal Canadian Regiment came out from Montreal to play us a return match on the Barrack rink on Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Unfortunately due to the mild weather the ice was soft and rough, nevertheless the game was fast and spectacular from start to finish. The R.C.R. trying hard to make up for their defeat of the previous week, and our team running no chances of a loss. Time and again players would break away for a rush, only to lose the puck or fall on the rough ice. Barker played a strong game, and Durnford showed flashes of brilliant work. While for the visitors Capt. Home and Tibbo had to be watched very closely. Stanyar got the only tally of the first period by being just in the right place to bang in a rebound.

In the second period Durnford found the net twice for the Cav-
alrymen.

Playing with four men forward the R.C.R. made a desperate effort to overcome our lead, with the result that they managed to score twice, while Durnford added another to our total.

Mr. Philip Brault very kindly refereed the game, which was a good clean exhibition of hockey as

it should be played between two Regimental teams.

Teams and summary:—

"D" Coy. "A" Sqn.
The R.C.R. R.C.D.
Goal
Cpl. Bert Major Nordheimer
Defence
Cpl. Godin Cpl. Barker
Pte. Blais Tpr. Mercier
Centre
Capt. Home L/Cpl. Stanyar
Forwards
Cpl. Connelly L/Cpl. Durnford
Pte. Tibbo L/Cpl. McKerrall
Spares
Pte. Millette Tpr. Barrie
Tpr. Boucher

1st period—
1—R.C.D.—Stanyar.
2nd period—
2—R.C.D.—Durnford.
3—R.C.D.—Durnford.
3rd period—
4—R.C.D.—Durnford.
5—R.C.R.—Blais.
6—R.C.R.—Tibbo.
Referee—Phil. Brault.

Singer 3, "A" Sqn. R.C.D. 2.

Saturday, March 1st was our last appearance in St. Johns for the hockey season of 1924, and we were determined to show the crowd what we really could do. The game was the play-off of our draw with the Singers in the early part of the season. Good ice and a large crowd greeted the players as they took the ice, and the game started out at a fast clip, with both teams determined to win.

The first period was all in the Drags' favour although they only managed to bulge the nets once.

Coming back after the short rest the teams had at it again, and it was not long before Alexandre after wiggling through the defence plugged a hot one past Major Nordheimer and tied the score. End to end play followed in which both goalers were called upon to make some almost impossible stops, until the gong announced the end of the second period with the score one all.

Shortly after the start of the last period the Singers again took the lead, only to have things almost immediately squared up again when Stanyar, after one of the prettiest bits of individual play seen this year, carried the puck right into the Singer net and drawing Sagala out, placed the puck on the far side of the line. With the score two all the teams battled at top speed until with only four minutes to go the Singers managed to notch the winning goal.

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Teams and summary:—
R.C.D. Singer
Goal
Major Nordheimer Sagala
Defence
Cpl. Barker G. Potvin
Tpr. Mercier Lefebvre
Centre
L/Cpl. Stanyar A. Beaulieu
Wings
L/Cpl. Durnford Alexandre
L/Cpl. McKerrall Barabe
Spares
Tpr. Barrie Donaghy
Gaudette
Lemieux

1st Period—
1—R.C.D.—Durnford.
2nd Period—
2—Singer—Alexandre.
3rd Period—
3—Singer—Barabe.
4—R.C.D.—Stanyar.
5—Singer—Lemieux.
Referee—Phil. Brault.

P.L.D.G. 1, "A" Sqn. R.C.D. 0.

On Wednesday, March 5th, we set off by train for "Dirty Ottawa" to play against the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. We had read in "The Goat" all about the doings of the Ottawa Garrison Hockey League, so when we began to wonder about where we would go for our hockey trip this year

someone had a brain wave and suggested Ottawa. A wire was soon despatched to Bill Blue and a favourable reply soon received.

The following officers and other ranks made the trip:—Major R. Nordheimer, Captain M. Drury, Cpl. Barker, L/Cpl. Durnford, L/Cpl. Greene, L/Cpl. Stanyar, L/Cpl. McKerrall, L/Cpl. Siddons, Tpr. Mercier, Tpr. Boucher and Tpr. Barrie.

We arrived in the Capital about noon and were met at the Station by Lt.-Col. L. P. Sherwood, Officer Commanding The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Major W. A. Blue, and a number of Officers and men of the Regiment, including R.S.M. Doxie. The Officers were entertained at luncheon at the Rideau Club, and the men were looked after by Bill Doxie. The team were quartered in the Armoury of the P.L.D.G's on Elgin St.

The game was played at the Arena at 10.30 p.m. Unfortunately the ice was in very poor condition, and good hockey was impossible. Combination play being out of the question, the game consisted mostly of individual rushes and long shots. The first and only goal of the game was scored about halfway through the first period, when a long shot from

Lieut. Gill bouncing along the ice straight for Major Nordheimer's pads, suddenly changed directions and bounced into the far corner of the net. Captain Drury replaced Major Nordheimer for the second and third periods. The Drags. worked hard but could not overcome the one goal lead. The soft ice made the game a strenuous one and both sides used their spares freely. Lefebvre was the backbone of the P.L.D.G.'s and was called upon to do a lot of work in the last period.

The teams lined up as follows:

P.L.D.G.	"A" Sqn. R.C.D.
	Goal
Lefebvre	Major Nordheimer
	Defence
Lachance	Cpl. Barker
McElroy	Tpr. Mercier
	Centre
Paquette	L/Cpl. Stanyar
	Forwards
Slim	L/Cpl. Durnford
Lieut. Gill	L/Cpl. McKerrall
	Spares
Major Frazer	Capt. Drury
Quinney	Tpr. Barrie
Steele	L/Cpl. Greene
	Tpr. Boucher
Referee—Capt. McEwen, R.C.A.F.	

Considering the hour at which the game was played there was quite a fair bunch of spectators present, amongst the ex-members of the Regiment noticed were Lt.-Col. L. P. Sherwood, Major W. A. Blue, Major Olmstead, Mr. Geoff Birkett, R.S.M. Doxy and Sapper McDonald, R.C.E.

After the game supper was served at the P.L.D.G. Armoury, and it was regretted that two of our number were unable to gain admittance, owing to the fact that they arrived a bit late, and found that the entertainment was being held behind locked doors.

The team returned at about 3.30 the following afternoon, but during their short stay in the Capital managed to visit many places of interest.

Q.M.S.I. Aisthorpe, D.C.M., M.M., R.C.D., who is at present in charge of a Hotchkiss gun class in Ottawa, was a goal umpire and thus we were deprived of the services of our only possible cheer leader.

We regret that it is too late in the year to have them pay us a visit with their hockey team, but we are willing to take them on at any other game, not only because we want a chance to beat them, but because they are a darned fine lot, and we want to see them down here as soon as the baseball field is dry.

LATER.

At the Loyola College Rink, Montreal, on Sunday, March 16th, the Champlains defeated the Singers by 4 goals to 3 after 20 minutes overtime, in the play off for the championship of the St. Johns City Hockey League.

PROVINCIAL BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Held at Monument National, Montreal, P.Q., Monday, Feb. 25th, 1924.

The Provincial Boxing Championships were held at the Monument National, Montreal, on Monday, February 25th and Thursday, Feb. 28th.

Two contestants entered from the Squadron, Tpr. Lawrence in the 118 lb. class and Tpr. Dutton in the 147 lb. class. Neither succeeded in getting past the first round, though both put up a very creditable fight and Tpr. Dutton had the satisfaction of knowing that his opponent won the championship of the class, defeating Desjardins, of the Imp. B., who had held it for some time.

Lawrence was forced to take off $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. the afternoon of the fight and was considerably weakened, as a result. Dutton, after being told he would not have to fight till the second night, was suddenly called on to fight at a few minutes' notice and never really got into his stride. Both boxers were handicapped by lack of training facilities and deserve a lot of credit for their game exhibitions.

118 lb. Class—Tpr. Lawrence vs. G. Beaudin, National.

This was the first bout of the evening and both boxers drew their share of applause. Lawrence forced the fighting from the start and landed repeatedly with a straight left to the face and right hook. Beaudin seemed contented to let Lawrence do the leading and countered heavily with both hands. The first round went to Lawrence but in the second and third, the heavy body punches of Beaudin began to tell and in the opinion of the judges, offset the aggressiveness of Lawrence. The decision went to Beaudin and was received with mixed feelings by the spectators. In the opinion of the writer, a draw would not have been amiss.

147 lb. Class—Tpr. Dutton vs. A. Heathfield, C.G.C.

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boxer who showed good ring generalship and was trained to the minute. Heathfield took the lead from the start and landed repeatedly with his left and a right hook. Dutton punished his opponent severely in infighting but could not slow him up. Except for a short period in the last round, Dutton never seemed to strike his stride and was always on the defensive. Heathfield won a well earned decision and on the following Thursday defeated Desjardins, the former champion.

Canadian Explosives Ltd. Assault-at-Arms.

On Tuesday, March 4th, a party of "Boxers" from "A" Sqn., R.C.D., visited Beloeil to participate in a Boxing Tournament. The tournament was organized by the Canadian Explosives Company with the object of creating an interest in the fistic game amongst the employees.

Trooper Lawrence was opposed by Pte. Birchmore of the Royal Highlanders, Montreal. In the first round Lawrence had all the best of the exchange, and seemed superior to his opponent in every way. Towards the close of the

second round Lawrence, in ducking a right hook was unfortunate enough to knock his eye on Birchmore's head in such a manner as to render it impossible for him to continue the bout. The verdict was given to Birchmore.

Trooper Duffy put up a very plucky fight against O. Gravelle, of the Imperial Barcalou, Montreal. The latter was the heavier and more experienced boxer, but weight and experience meant nothing in Duffy's young life, and he carried the fight to his opponent till he sustained a knockout in the second round.

Trooper Dutton, and Pte. Brooks, of the Royal Highlanders, Montreal, put up the best fight of the evening. Dutton had a slight edge in every round. The fight was contested in a clean and sportsmanlike manner throughout. Brooks is a newcomer to the game in Montreal, but in our humble opinion, much more will be heard of him in the future.

At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed to all competitors, the committee very generously presenting prizes to the losers as well as the winners.

The following letter was received from the Canadian Explosives Limited, McMasterville, P.Q., dat-

ed March 5th, 1924:—

"Dear Major Bowie,—

Just a note to express to you the thanks of our organization for your kindness in permitting your men to take part in the "assault-at-arms" held here last night, and also to express through you to your subordinates our gratitude for the spirit shown in coming here in the first instance, and for the very fine sportsmanship exhibited in the ring.

While Trooper Lawrence had his opponent's inferiority summed up, he did not take undue advantage and we all regret the accident that finished what was proving to be a very interesting and scientific encounter. Trooper Duffy was outclassed but stuck to his guns until he was carried from the ring. Trooper Dutton put up a great battle and won on points. He is an excellent specimen of gentlemanly manhood. We are grateful to the gentlemen who accompanied the above mentioned, as they showed their willingness to help us out whenever the occasion arose.

We trust that Trooper Lawrence's accident will not prove serious.

Again please accept our sincere thanks.

Yours very truly,
John W. D. White."

The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

CHAPTER THREE. (Continued.)

Battle of Bazentin Ridge.

Regimental, Brigade and Divisional exercises were carried out until April 9th when the Brigade moved to a new training area near Auchy les Hesdin, coming under the G.O.C. 3rd Cavalry Division for Administration. Intensive training was carried out until June 28th, when the regiment arrived at Bussy le Daours near the Somme and "stood to" waiting marching orders. On July 1st at 3 a.m. the Brigade moved to a position of readiness at Buire-sur-Ancre awaiting developments of the infantry attack, but at 6 o'clock orders were received to return to the former bivouacs. Working parties were furnished by all units until Sept. 1st at which date the regiment was at Nesle. Orders were received on September 6th to move forward again and the Brigade arrived at Querrieu the next day. After a week's training the Brigade moved up to Meaulte and at 4.30 a.m., Sept. 14th, it

moved to a position of readiness south of Mametz. After standing to all the 16th, orders were received on the 17th to return to Querrieu and for the second time the regiment was deprived of the long looked for chance to get at the enemy mounted.

Regimental and Divisional Schemes were continued until October 31st when orders were received to move into Winter billets at Woingnarue, Bourseville near the sea. The unit was inspected on December 7th by the G.O.C., 2nd Indian Cavalry Division and by Lieut. General Kavanagh, Commanding the Cavalry Corps. The regiment supplied its quota to a Pioneer Battalion of 7 Officers and 251 O.R. which left for the Somme front and continued in billets during the winter, carrying out individual, troop, squadron, regimental and brigade training.

German Retreat to Hindenberg Line.

At 2 a.m. March 19th, 1917 orders were received to be ready to move at 11 a.m. In spite of the suddenness of the order and the difficulty experienced in assembling the new Hotchkiss Pack Equipment which had recently arrived, the Regiment marched at the required hour, a tribute to the interior economy and discipline prevailing. Dismounted reinforcements of 7 Officers and 123 O.R. were left behind, the Regimental Marching Out State showing a strength of 25 Officers 460 O.R. and 525 horses. After a three day march the Regiment relieved the 14th Corps Cavalry at Bois de Buire and patrolled the front between that place and Aizecourt-le-bas. Several encounters with enemy patrols took place and Lieut. Evan Price was awarded the Military Cross for successfully engaging enemy infantry in a mounted attack. The following telegram was received on March 26th by the O.C. from the G.O.C. 5th Cavalry Division: "Hearty congratulations to you and your Regiment on your good work to-day." Signed MacAndrew. On March 27th a telephone message was received to send two troops to reconnoitre and occupy Lieramont and two troops from "C" Squadron under Captain Newcomen occupied the village at 8 a.m. and held its under shell and rifle fire until relieved by the Infantry. After participating in an attack, carried out in a blinding snow storm, by the Fort Garry Horse and L. S. H. on Saulcourt and Guyencourt on March 27th, the regiment left on March 29th for Cappy. During the whole period of the operations just com-

pleted the weather was intensely cold and wet and both men and horses suffered severely from exposure. The following awards were made—Lieut. Price, Military Cross; SSM. Aisthorpe, Sgt. Goodall and Cpl. Nash, Military Medals.

Trench Warfare Once More.

After a period of refitting, the Brigade left Cappy on April 14th and marched via Fay-Estrees-Villers, Carbonnel-Brie to bivouacs between Athies and Devise. From April 15th to May 14th training was carried out but on the latter date a dismounted party under Lieut. Colonel VanStraubenzie, relieved the Manchester Regiment in the trenches near Somerville Wood. Trench routine was carried on intermittently without anything of special interest occurring until July 8th a raiding party from the Brigade consisting of 1 squadron of F. G. H., 3 troops L. S. H. and forty men from R. C. D. under Capt. R. Nordheimer, carried out a very successful raid on the German trenches south of Buisson-Gaulaine. The R.C.D. party protected the right flank and Lieut. Price, who acted as Brigade Intelligence Officer, exploded the Bangalore Torpedo, which blew the gap in the German wire. 1 Officer and 35 O.R. with one M.G. were captured and large numbers were killed in dugouts. The regiment marched northward on October 6th, arriving in the Watou Area, 1 mile west of Poperinghe at 3.45 p.m. October 7th. The Brigade remained in this area in the open until October 16th when it moved to Boubers.

Battle of Cambrai—1917.

The Tank Attack, 20-21 Nov.

German Counter Attacks Nov. 30-Dec. 3rd.

On November 20th the Brigade having arrived at the forward concentration point of the Division near Fins, the Regiment off saddled and rested. At 6.20 a.m. the 3rd Army attacked the German lines in front of Cambrai. The Canadian Cavalry Brigade, with the Fort Garry Horse as Advance Guard and R.C.D. as Reserve acted as Advance Guard to the Division and moved with all possible speed from Gouzeacourt to the crossing of the Canal de L'Escaut at Masnieres. They arrived just west of Masnieres at 2.15 p.m., but found that the enemy was still in possession of the Masnieres-Beaurevoir line. One Squadron F.G.H. succeeded in crossing, but the remainder of the Brigade was ordered to retire to a sunken road where they spent the night. On Novem-

ber 21st the R.C.D. were detailed as Advance Guard to the Brigade with orders to advance, cross the Canal and move around the right flank at Rumilly. On reaching Masnieres it was reported that a German counter attack had pushed back our infantry from the Bridge and the operation was suspended. On November 22nd the regiment was withdrawn to Equancourt arriving at 1 p.m. Since the 19th the men had had no sleep and horses had only been watered once. The Brigade was withdrawn to Mericourt at 1.45 p.m. Nov. 27th.

At 9.15 a.m. orders were received to be in readiness to move at half an hour's notice and at 9.20 a message was received for the Brigade to concentrate at X roads of Estrees-en-Chausse. The regiment reached this point at 10.35 a.m. and marched via Roisel-Villers Faucon to Jacqueene Copse. At 3.30 p.m. the advance was continued and R.C.D. Advance Guard came under fire and dug in in front of the Infantry Line. "A" Squadron were ordered to advance to Vaucellette Farm but found the ridge occupied. On December 1st an attack was carried out dismounted on German positions in conjunction with the F.G.H. and L.S.H. which was successful. The Brigade was withdrawn into Corps reserve at Roisel and marched to Montecourt on Dec. 17th.

The Raid on Lily Trench.

On January 26th, 1918, 9 officers and 213 other ranks paraded and went across country to the Jeancourt-Le Verguier Valley and took over trenches from the 19th Hussars. On February 13th the regiment carried out a raid on Lily Trench when 1 officer and 12 O.R. were captured and many killed. The casualties in the Unit were 2 officers wounded and 16 O.R. all very slight. Congratulatory messages were received from the C. in C., The Army Commander, Gen. Gough, Cavalry Corps G.O.C., Gen. MacAndrew; Gen. Seeley, C.R.A.; Gen. Daly, 24th Division; Gen. Selignon. The following awards were granted:—Major Bowie, Lieut. Price, D.S.O.; Capt. Newcomen, Lieut. Gwyn, Lieut. Cunningham, Lieut. Le-Mesurier, Military Crosses; SSM. Aisthorpe, Sgt. Martin, Cpl. Walsh, D.C.M.; Sgt. Olmstead, Belgian Croix de Guerre.

Trench routine and working parties continued from this date till 6th of March, when the regiment entrained for Longpre and reorganized. On March 9th the regiment marched via Amiens to Oresmaux and on the 10th marched via Jumel, Moreuil, Davenes-

court to Warsy arriving at Enne-main on March 13th and became part of the 3rd Cavalry Division. Working parties were supplied and work commenced on the rear defences near Estrees.

CHAPTER FOUR.

1st Battle of the Somme 1918—

Battle of Picardie—Battle of Avre—Battle of St. Quentin—Battle of Amiens—St. Quentin Canal—Battle of Cambria 1918.

During the night of 20th-21st March a very heavy bombardment by the enemy took place and at 8.30 a.m., March 21st, all working parties were cancelled and the Brigade ordered to "Stand To." At 3.30 p.m. orders were issued to march via Croix, Molineaux, Matigny, Offoy, Esmery, Golancourt to Villeselve. The Regiment arrived at the latter place at 10.45 p.m. and received orders to supply a quota of Officers and Men to make a dismounted Battalion from the Brigade. The R.C.D. party under Major R. S. Timmis consisted of 238 all ranks with twelve Hotchkiss guns. This party did not rejoin the Regiment until March 26th and fought continuously during this period, suffering

casualties of 1 Officer wounded, 16 O.R. killed, 56 O.R. wounded and 13 missing. The Hotchkiss Gun Detachment did invaluable work during the fighting and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. On March 22nd the remainder of the Regiment marched via Guivy, Verugies, Apilly to Varcènes and were rejoined by the led horses of the dismounted party there. On March 23rd orders were received to send a mounted party of 1 Officer and 50 men to form a special mounted Squadron from the Brigade under Lt.-Col. Stevenson, F.G.H. Lt. Cunningham commanded the R.C.D. detachment and was killed in action. On March 25th orders were received to mount every available man, discarding all marching order except arms, ammunition, and rations, and the following day this force, under Lt.-Col. Van Straubenzie, R.C.D., moved to a point immediately North of La Cloye near Sempigny, to support the French holding the river crossings. A patrol of 100 men under Capt. R. Nordheimer was sent to Sempigny with instructions to hold the river crossing there at all costs. On March 28th, a message having been received that the enemy had broken through at Montdidier, a defen-

sive position was taken up on the high ground north east of Lienvilliers. The Regiment, under orders from the French Corps, placed the village of Welles in a state of defence. On March 29th orders were issued for the Brigade to leave the French Army and march to Jumle but the R.C.D. horses being at Sains Marianvilliers, the Regiment marched alone via Tartigny, Faoulet, Flafloise, rejoining the Brigade at the Bois de Guyencourt and bivouacing in the wood about midnight 29th-30th.

Orders were issued at 3.30 p.m. to march at 6.30 a.m. for mounted action, it being intended to concentrate the Division in the Bois de Blangy, but on reaching the starting point all operations were postponed two hours. At 8.00 o'clock orders were received to move at once, the enemy having captured Mesieres and were advancing on Amiens. The Regiment formed the Advanced Guard to the Brigade, with "A" Squadron under Capt. Nordheimer in front and moved across country north of Bois de Senecat crossing the river at Castel. "A" Squadron passed through the French outposts and entered the Bois de Moreuil and dismounted under heavy rifle fire. "B" Squadron made an encircling

movement mounted round the right flank while "C" Squadron supported "A". The enemy were driven from the wood and in spite of heavy casualties the wood was held by the Brigade until relieved by the infantry on March 31st. Lt. A. V. S. Nordheimer was killed, 4 Officers wounded, 19 O.R. killed and 51 O.R. wounded and 19 O.R. missing during this operation.

(To be continued.)

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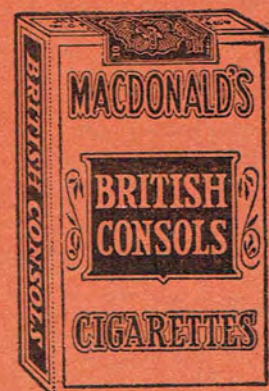
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